

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

FROM THE 13TH MARCH TO THE 20TH MARCH.—The most melancholy week, following upon the traitorous attempt to murder H. R. H., the Duke of Edinburgh, at Clontarf, has been rendered for ever memorable by the extraordinary simultaneous outburst of popular indignation at that base deed—of sympathy with the Royal sufferer, and of enthusiastic loyalty to his mother, her most gracious Majesty. From all public bodies, and from all parts of the country, there has been (without any distinction of class or creed) a unanimous expression of grief and abhorrence, side by side with the mention of that dreadful crime. On the 13th instant there was an indignation meeting at the Pavilion in Sydney, at which an address was adopted and resolutions passed by the unanimous vote of all present. Similar "indignation meetings" (at all of which there were proportionately large audiences) have been convened in the various Municipalities of Australia, Dubbo, Newcastle, and Singleton; on the 14th, at Windsor and Yass; on the 16th, at Goulburn, Parramatta, Newtown, Paddington, Balmain, Liverpool, Campbelltown, Richmond, Mudgee, Camden, Bradfield, Wellington, Berries, Gundagai, Wagga, Wagga, Albury (Irish residents), and Deniliquin; on the 17th, at Ashfield, the Glebe, Enmore, and Turramurra; on the 18th, at Penrith, and at Bomaderry, Young, Redfern, St. Leonards, and Manly. Meetings have also been held at Wollongong, Grafton, Cooma, Araluen, Adelong, Randwick, and Murrurundi. Meetings have also been held, and addresses adopted and presented by the Civil Service Club, St. Paul's College (Anglican), St. John's College (Roman Catholic), the Protestant Friendly Society, the Unity Lodge of Freemasons, E.C., the Lodge Woolloomooloo, S.C., the Masonic residence of Sydney, the Hebrew Congregation, the French Consulate, various temperance societies, and other bodies. Loyal sympathy and indignation have been freely and emphatically expressed on the part of the Catholic Association, the Welsh Society, and the Botany Mutual Improvement Association. This list, as far as it goes, may serve to give some idea of the sentiments of the people of this colony at the late unexpected outrage.

On the 18th evening, last, a disturbance occurred in the neighborhood of Grafton, which had spread throughout the colony a feeling of universal regret. The Bishop of Grafton and Armidale was drowned (with his servant and second son) by the upsetting of his boat on the Clarence River whilst returning home to Kincherastadt from evening service. The remains of the Bishop and of his son were buried on Wednesday last, all public bodies walking in front of the hearse. The sad accident has awakened the deepest sympathy everywhere, as the late prelate was much respected and beloved.

The account of a ridiculous demonstration recently made at Hokitika, on the West Coast of New Zealand, on behalf of the Fenian murderers at Manchester, has been received in Sydney with general contempt and disgust. The chief actor in the miserable farce was a Roman Catholic priest recently stationed in Queenland.

Arrangements have been made for the trial, at the Criminal Court, in May next, of Mr. Macpherson and Mr. Lee, for the parts performed by those gentlemen in the last affair in this colony.

The news that His Royal Highness continues to prosper favorably has been received by the people everywhere with gratitude to the Almighty. Much anxiety is, however, still entertained by many as to the ultimate result of the Prince's wound.

Arrangements have been made to hold, at Sydney, on the 23rd instant, an indignation meeting of native-born Australians in respect of the crime of O'Farrell.

St. Patrick's Day, the 17th instant, passed off without the slightest regard being paid to it as a public holiday. There were no flags or festivities of any kind. The regatta was indefinitely postponed.

A young man, named John Newlands, a man named John Newlands died suddenly in Kent street.

On the motion of the Attorney-General, Mr. Martin, on the 13th instant, a loyal and sympathetic address to H. R. H. Prince Alfred was adopted by the Legislative Assembly in reference to the late attempted assassination. A similar address was adopted on the 15th by the Legislative Council, on the motion of Mr. Docker, the Postmaster-General.

Thursday, the 19th instant, at a very numerously attended meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons, in the English Constitution, a resolution was passed by the Mayor and Alderman Smith, "Miscellaneous," Mr. Goodsell's bill for 9000 bricks, and Mr. Dawson's bill for two pumps, were referred to the Finance Committee. The architect's certificate for £10 to W. J. Evans, on account of work done at the Royal Hospital, was accepted. A report by Mr. G. Smith, on the proposed re-opening of the road between St. John's Hill and Smithfield, was considered. Alderman Artlett and Penfold moved that the sum £3 13s. be paid. Amendement by Alderman Stone and Westaway. That it be referred to the architect for his report. Mr. G. Smith, on the motion of Mr. J. M. Durkin, moved that the sum £100 be paid to the Royal Hospital, and £100 to the Royal Infirmary, for the payment of medical expenses. The original motion was carried. A division called, when there appeared for the payment of £100, Alderman Artlett, Joyner, and Penfold; and for the payment of £1 to Mr. J. M. Durkin, Alderman Stone, and Westaway. The clerk was instructed to draw up a suitable form of address, to be presented to the Royal Hospital, and to the Mayor by Mr. J. S. Smith. The sum £100 was paid. The finance committee brought up on 21st ultimo, amounting to £312 2s. 4d. was adopted. Alderman Artlett postponed his motion for payment of medical expenses to the Duke of Wellington's day, for consideration by the Finance Committee. The report, brought forward by Mr. G. Smith, on the 22nd ultimo, was referred to the Finance Committee. The original motion was carried. A division called, when there appeared for the payment of £100, Alderman Artlett, Joyner, and Penfold; and for the payment of £1 to Mr. J. M. Durkin, Alderman Stone, and Westaway. The sum £100 was paid. 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TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

KIANA.

SATURDAY.

An indignation meeting took place at the Court-house this day at 2 o'clock. It was the largest and most influential public meeting ever held here. The Mayor was in the chair. The motion was carried by a clergyman of the different denominations, and others. The resolutions were unanimously carried. The announcement of the passing of the Treason Act was loudly cheered. Immense enthusiasm. At the conclusion the audience rose on music, and sang "God save the Queen." The address is to be forwarded to the Prince.

WEST MAITLAND. SATURDAY.

A most enthusiastic meeting has just been held, Resolution expressing thankfulness for the Prince's recovery, and the hope that the Governor will set apart a day for thanksgiving and rejoicing, were passed and loud cheering.

MELBOURNE.

SATURDAY, 6 P.M.

The Ministry is not yet formed. Mr. Carr, a solicitor at Ballarat, shot a man named Williams who attempted to commit a rape in the street. Verdict of the coroner's jury—Justifiable homicide.

O'Farrell's relatives being well off, have retained Farley, solicitor, and Mr. Aspinwall.

Paragraphs in the Argus and Age of to-day state that O'Farrell merely received substantial money from his relatives, who transmitted it from Melbourne to Sydney through two Sydney ecclesiastics.

The police broke up a Chinese gambling den, The Gazette invites special thanksgiving tomorrow.

A boy, named Willy, seven years old, from Newcastle, per John Bullock, to New Zealand, was drowned.

Flow, \$20 to \$20 lbs.; maize, 4s., with an upward tendency.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB MEETING.

These races came off on Saturday; there were about 4000 persons on the course.

HUNTA RACE.—A handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovereigns each, with 75 sovereigns added. Distance, about three miles.

Hunt's Daughter ... 1

Hunt's Son ... 2

Six Lure STAKES, of 25 sovereigns, 10 forfeit, with 100 sovereigns added. For three year-olds—cols., 5s. 10d.; blues, 5s. 7d.; the stakes to be made good or the forfeit paid on the day of general entry. Distance, one mile and three-quarters and 12 yards.

Fireworks ... 1

Kingfisher ... 2

Ten Sovereigns of 5 sovereigns each, with 90 sovereigns added. For 2 years, 5s.; 3 years, 7s. 10d.; 4 years, 5s.; 5 years, 9s. 6d.; 6 years and aged, 9s. 11d. Distance, one mile and a half.

Trotman ... 1

Rip Van Winkle ... 2

Safilo STAKES.—A handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovereigns each, with 100 sovereigns added. For two years—cols., three-quarters of a mile.

Rapicote ... 1

Monksie Le Braun ... 2

AUSTRALIA CUP.—A handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovereigns (2 sovereigns ft.) with 150 sovereigns added; for three-year-olds and upwards. Winners of my handicap of the value of 100 sovereigns after the weights are declared, to carry 5 lbs. extra; of two or more half races, 7 lb. extra. Distance, two miles and a quarter.

Shenandoah ... 1

Seip ... 2

Bachelor ... 3

Won easily; time, 4 minutes 10 seconds. The following horses were scratched: Fireworks, Tasman, Warri, B. A., Miss Fisher, Princess Alice, and Starburst, which were started.

Starburst.—A handicap sweepstakes of 5 sovereigns each, with 100 sovereigns added. Distance, about three miles.

Reindeer ... 1

Alice ... 2

There were several spills, and Banker baulked at the first fence.

QUEENSLIFF. SATURDAY.

ARRIVED.—Hero (a.), from Newcastle; Blackbird (a.), from Sydney; Rangaua (a.), from Adelaide.

THE REV. CANON WALSH.—The members of the Church of England in this colony, and more particularly his numerous friends and former parishioners, will regret to learn that Mr. Walsh has decided not to return to New South Wales. He had been offered the Bishopric of Lichfield before his retirement from his diocese, and had accepted his private chaplain, with a prebend in the Cathedral. It will, no doubt, be some gratification to the reverend canon's friends to find that such a dignitary as Bishop St. John Jackson is in his favour that evidence of much of his confidence and estimation.

POTLUCK CONCERT.—The Sons of Temperance gave another of their fortnightly musical entertainments for the people in the Temperance Hall, on Saturday evening. There was a very large audience, and the chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Bryant, rector for ten years of the Tabernacle Church, which arrived at Plymouth on the 21st of January. The audience did not know that the story of the Johnnies men was untrue. They followed the track of Dr. Livingston up to within a few miles of the spot where he was said to have been murdered, and then learnt that the Johnnies men had deserted him at that point, because, as they declared, the Doctor said he was going to lead them to the Queen, and her path was beaten enough for them to follow. The Doctor made no reply, but still the Bishop of Cape Town is silent; and public report says that the consecration took place somewhere this very day in the north of England.

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Mr. COBDEN'S GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT.—There was a great gathering at the Hyde Park Pavilion on Saturday evening to hear Mr. Cobden's concert à la Juarez. The hall was crowded, and the door fee of £1000, for admission, was not nearly compensated, having occupied a large portion of the immense interior space. So, from one point of view, the undertaking may be regarded as a success. Nor in the choice of music, the entertainment, or the style of popular class, was there reason for disappointment.

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THE LAND.

(From the Sydney Mail, March 21.)

This interesting account we have taken from the pages of the *Australasian* relative to Bodalla affords an apt illustration of what may be done by capital and enterprise when directed by judgment. Mr. Mort has attempted to solve a problem at Bodalla which is worthy of attentive consideration. From his success, the owners of land along other flooded districts may learn what they should do. It seems that he has not sought to grapple at once with his 4000 acres of freehold alluvial land in this locality, but has wisely begun first upon 250 acres of river flats around the house. On these he has expended about £10 per acre in fencing, building, draining, &c., and the current profits from this central oasis appear to be laid out in progressive improvements—in clearing and laying down with English grasses. The residuum of profit, according to this report, after meeting all the liabilities, except, we suppose, rent and interest of money, is about £6 10s. per acre. We confess we do not see how such a return is to be otherwise obtained, and we suspect that those who are renting their lands to others would be glad to be assured of one half of it. This system of English pasturing appears to enable him to feed two cows per acre the year round, and provided the produce of these cows is saleable—and most of it is turned into cheese, which has now acquired a reputation in the Sydney market—such is the return. The result will of course vary with the demand for cheese; but cheese will keep. If the produce were butter the result might be more variable, and from the Dairymen's Meeting at Kiama during the week we perceive to what a strait butter-makers there are reduced for want of a market. But pig feeding and bacon-curing is always part of the economy of a dairy farm. There is a good demand for bacon, which is not amongst what are known as perishable articles, and apart from the profit derived from the cows there would be a large profit derived from this source. It will answer far better to turn maize into pork than to sell it for 2s. or 3s. a bushel. The writer of the account before us alludes to Mr. Mort's judicious mode of grazing. He adapts his mode to circumstances. Without allowing the bite to get coarse, he preserves it of such a length as to avail himself of the dew-fall, on the value of which he justly insists. The aim is to keep a good cover to prevent the drying up of the soil about the roots. By grazing low, the grass roots are denuded of their natural protection, and receive but little benefit from the dew. A happy medium is therefore attempted. This is a point which requires careful consideration, for in his method of grazing, we are persuaded, lies much of Mr. Mort's success. The rate at which cheese-making is going on in America and Canada is truly astonishing. It was stated by the secretary of the Dairymen's Association, which met to look after its affairs some months since, that in the province of Ontario alone there were 235 cheese factories. The owners of these establishments have availed themselves of the skill of English and Scotch servants, and are now actually underselling the cheese-makers of Derby, Leicester, and Cheshire. Australian dairymen can scarcely expect to perform this achievement, but at any rate there is plenty of room, provided they can produce a thoroughly good cheese, to work away to supply the home demand. There is little doubt that every kind of cheese imported from England could be produced here, were only the skill and the capital of the people directed to this subject. The union of capital for this purpose might be very effective, and if no union were to take place for the purpose of producing milk, companies might be formed for the making of cheese, and the cheese factors would probably find it necessary, or at all events desirable, to protect their interests in the same way as the vignerons—by an association. A cheese factory in a good district would give stability to many a man who is now pining in hopeless poverty. He would have a constant demand for his milk, and would be relieved of all anxiety about the manufacture and maturing and sale of his cheese. We are, at any rate, much indebted to Mr. Mort for a feasible and reasonable example, and we recommend the Kiama butter-makers to turn their attention in this direction.

Mr. White, of Muswellbrook, who is about to visit England, leaves a good example behind him. He shows, as the speech of his brother explains, what can be done in a wooded country by ring-barking. There are, probably, not any more successful graziers in the colony than the Brothers White, and they owe their success to the correct solution of an Australian difficulty. By the means alluded to the carrying power of their land has been immensely increased.

Now for a word concerning sugar. Beet growing has not proved a success, and we understand that few of those who sowed in the spring have had courage enough to sow again this autumn. This is a pity. They have missed a splendid season. It is not now too late, and there is plenty of seed. Messrs. Law, Sommer, and Co. are selling at 2s. 6d. per lb., and Mr. Piddington has got some for gratuitous distribution to those whose crops suffered from flood. Still here and there there are patches, and those who have harvested the roots are busy turning them into sugar. We shall soon be informed as to the result, and we shall be glad if those who have grown the beet, and are not already in communication with us, will give us all the information they are possessed of concerning their experiment.

DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES IN 1867.

(Continued from the Herald of 16th March.)

The figures which, in the subjoined index, follow each case of point referred to, represent the number of the paper (as published both in the *Mail* and in the *Herald*) wherein the case so referred to has been summarised, and the date of the hearing or judgment as recorded in that paper.

EVIDENCE.—*The Queen v. Connell.* 2. 8th March.

Immaterial evidence as to the making of a promissory note may be material as to the exercise of discretionary power, by District Court Judge, of allowing interest, etc., to be paid on such note. *Connell v. Connell.* 2. 8th March.

Imprudence of Candidate for Municipal Election. *Ex parte Moorsman.* 9. 6th June.

Involvent Action, sec. 90. Right of official assignee under-not affected by Definition Act, sec. 13. 17. 5th September.

—sec. 92. *Walmsey v. Mackenzie.* 24. 12th December.

—sec. 8. *Sempill v. Jarvis.* 26. 16th December.

Involvent contractor. *Bursters for Purcell v. Raphael.* 24. 16th December.

Creditor to be represented by his official assignee, in the signing of application under rider to Involvent Act. *In re Leat.* 18. 10th September.

Interest to return money taken. *Finding of Jury, in case of the principal Maitland grocery firms, begging them to do justice, they would be willing to buy such sugar as, in Sydney, in wholesale quantities.* The report as follows, we of course withhold the name:

Mr. A.—“Good clean sample; worth at the present time about 45s per ton.”

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1868.

Mr. B.—“Nice counter sugar; would fetch about 45s per ton.”

Mr. C.—“Would buy sugar according to sample in any quantity, at 45s per ton.”

Mr. D.—“Sample of sugar is very nice, and would command a ready market.” By comparison with Company No. 1, estimate sample at 45s per ton, to correspond with present price. Would suggest that the sugar should be put in canvas bags of 70 lbs, like Company's sugar. Would be glad to introduce this sugar to the Maitland market. Sugar is at present rather high, but this sample would always command from 45s to 45s per ton.

Mr. E.—“This sugar would fetch 45s at auction in Sydney at the present time.”

The sample is now worth from 45s to 45s per ton. The colour is good, but the crystals are uneven, being mixed with brown lumps, which detract from its appearance, when compared with ordinary sugar of the same class.”

Mr. Meares is said to produce 24 tons per acre of sugar, which we believe to be as good as Mr. Andrews'. If so, this gross return should be sufficient to cover very heavy manufacturing expenses, and leave a good profit. These are matters, however, on which we need information.

We have, by-the-by, just received a sample of sugar from this gentleman's works, made from molasses, which testifies a higher order of success than has yet been achieved. This is his second-class sugar, and there seems not to be more than £10 per ton difference between the two, looking at the samples without the aid of a glass.

Our readers will look with interest to the accompanying particulars of the *Wool Challenge*. We postpone our remarks upon the letters of Messrs. Bayly, Currie, Learmonth, and Shaw until next week.

Those who are fond of progress will be glad to find that the predictions of the croakers with respect to the steam plough are turning out most fallacious. Supplied with an engine of greater power, the apparatus which was last year condemned as a failure, is now working at Albury with great success. The farmers are delighted with its performances, and the owner is turning over from eight to ten acres per day at 12s. 6d. per acre, and is fully engaged for the next six months. Indeed he has sent to England for a second set of tackle, and we may therefore expect for frequent news from the steam cultivator.

The letter of “R. D.” in Thursday's *Herald*, respecting the exportation of fresh meat in ice is suggestive, and certainly suggests caution. What may be the difference in the effect produced by natural ice and that produced by chemical means on animal fibre placed within its influence, we cannot say; we do not know that the state of meat, frozen by natural and artificial cold, has ever been compared. We are, however, quite assured of the conserving power of artificial ice by Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Mort's experiments, and we are told by them that after thawing there is not the same necessity to cook at once which there is in the case of meat naturally frozen.

The ice cells in St. Petersburgh (and every house is built with one), are frozen in January or February; at that time the ice is as hard as granite, blocks are cut out 4 feet in length, 2 inches, and about 21 in thickness. Total weight of each block is 1000 lbs. to fill the cellar. Every provision during the winter is made.

It keeps twelve days, not longer, so that the juleps run from it and become sodden and flabby. If a block is cut in it, and then covered with another, it is placed in it, and then covered with another, if a block of ice is hollowed out, and frozen again—game, poultry, beef, or mutton—is placed in it and then covered with another block, it will keep all the summer. In the month of March, although in appearance not so fresh as when it came back, still it is not so soft as is often called by the Russians, it is the Russian term for fat or soft. It will not keep; it soon becomes porous and fails rapidly. I am fearful that even made by artificial means would be of this kind, and consequently provisions would, by being packed in it, not keep.

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The report as follows, we of course withholding the name:

Mr. A.—“Good clean sample; worth at the present time about 45s per ton.”

Mr. B.—“Nice counter sugar; would fetch about 45s per ton.”

Mr. C.—“Would buy sugar according to sample in any quantity, at 45s per ton.”

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Mr. E.—“This sugar would fetch 45s at auction in Sydney at the present time.”

The sample is now worth from 45s to 45s per ton. The colour is good, but the crystals are uneven, being mixed with brown lumps, which detract from its appearance, when compared with ordinary sugar of the same class.”

Mr. Meares is said to produce 24 tons per acre of sugar, which we believe to be as good as Mr. Andrews'.

If so, this gross return should be sufficient to cover very heavy manufacturing expenses, and leave a good profit. These are matters, however, on which we need information.

We have, by-the-by, just received a sample of sugar from this gentleman's works, made from molasses, which testifies a higher order of success than has yet been achieved. This is his second-class sugar, and there seems not to be more than £10 per ton difference between the two, looking at the samples without the aid of a glass.

Our readers will look with interest to the accompanying particulars of the *Wool Challenge*.

We postpone our remarks upon the letters of Messrs. Bayly, Currie, Learmonth, and Shaw until next week.

Those who are fond of progress will be glad to find that the predictions of the croakers with respect to the steam plough are turning out most fallacious. Supplied with an engine of greater power, the apparatus which was last year condemned as a failure, is now working at Albury with great success. The farmers are delighted with its performances, and the owner is turning over from eight to ten acres per day at 12s. 6d. per acre, and is fully engaged for the next six months. Indeed he has sent to England for a second set of tackle, and we may therefore expect for frequent news from the steam cultivator.

The letter of “R. D.” in Thursday's *Herald*, respecting the exportation of fresh meat in ice is suggestive, and certainly suggests caution.

What may be the difference in the effect produced by natural ice and that produced by chemical means on animal fibre placed within its influence, we cannot say; we do not know that the state of meat, frozen by natural and artificial cold, has ever been compared. We are, however, quite assured of the conserving power of artificial ice by Mr. Nicoll and Mr. Mort's experiments, and we are told by them that after thawing there is not the same necessity to cook at once which there is in the case of meat naturally frozen.

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Imperial Hotel, William-street.

Household Furniture, Pictures

Stock-in-Trade of Wines and Spirits, &c.

ALEXANDER MOORE and CO. have received instructions from Mr. Bernard Scully to sell by auction, at their Warehouses, Pitt and O'Connell streets, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Household furniture, &c., consisting of Dining tables, sofas, chairs
Valuable sporting, and other engravings
Chimney glasses, clocks, china
Caskets and carpets, kitchen utensils, &c.
Also, the stock-in-trade of Wines, spirits, bottled ale and porter
Glassware, measures, hot water fountain
And sundries. Terms, cash.

Preliminary Notice.

The Paragon Hotel, Circular Quay.

Extensive Sale by Auction, of Elegant and Substantial Household Furniture, Cottage pianofortes, and other valuable effects.

FRIDAY, March 27th, at 11 o'clock.

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The whole of her extensive and valuable household furniture, cottage pianofortes, drawing-room, dining-room, sitting-room, and bedroom furniture, &c., &c. Full particulars will appear in future issue. Catalogues are now in preparation.

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WEDNESDAY, March 25.

At the Residence of Dr. Milford, 261, Elizabeth-street, opposite Hyde Park.

Sale by Auction.

Superior Household Furniture and Effects, comprising
Elegant Walnut Wood Drawing Room Suite, consisting of Two Easy Chairs, and Six Small Chairs,

covered with rich crimson and gold satin damask, with loose Holland covers
Mahogany Chiffonier, white glass doors
Walnut Oak Table
Beds and Occasional Tables
Gift Frame Chimney Glass
Caskets and Hearths
Drawing Room Furniture
Library
Handsome Bookcase, with secretary
Bedroom Furniture
Marble-top Washstands and Dressing Tables
Wine Cellars
Horsehair Mattresses and Bedding
China, Crockery
Cooking Utensils
Kitchen Furniture
And the usual Household Requisites.

MESRS. CHANDLER and CO. have received instructions from Dr. Milford to sell by auction, at his residence, 261, Elizabeth-street, opposite Hyde Park, WEDNESDAY, 25th March, at 11 o'clock (in consequence of his departure for England per mail steamer).

The whole of his superior household furniture and effects.

On view day previous to sale, and catalogues obtainable at the auctioneers' office, Bell's-chambers, Pitt-street.

Embossed.

Sale by Auction.
At the Residence of Mr. R. Wynne (in consequence of his departure from the colony per mail steamer).

Household Furniture and Effects

Pianoforte, &c., &c.

Day of Sale, TUESDAY, March 31.

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The whole of his household furniture and effects.

Catalogues and full particulars will be duly published, and can be had of the auctioneers, Bell's-chambers, Pitt-street.

Without reserve.

On MONDAY, March 25th, at 11 o'clock.
Just landed ex *Emeralds*.
To be sold at Leigh's Free Stores.

Highly important to Ironmongers and others.

WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

FIRST SHIPMENT LANDED IN THE COLONY.

M. JOHN SOLOMON has been favoured with instructions from the importers to sell by public auction, at Leigh's Free Stores, THIS DAY, March 25th, at 11 o'clock prompt.

CL.

309 bars Drummer iron, from square to 1 square
101 bundles, 1 x 3-16, 1 x 3-16, 1 grs., 1 x 3-16
10 ditto B best Drummer iron, 1 round
110 bars ditto ditto, 1 x 1, 1 round
180 ditto ditto ditto, 1 x 1, 1 x 1 x 1 convex, 1 x 1
261 plates best boiler iron, 6.0 x 24 x 1, 6.0 x 24 x 5-16,
6.0 x 24 x 1, 6.0 x 24 x 16, 6.0 x 24 x 1.

Terms, liberal.

On WEDNESDAY, March 26th, at 11 o'clock.

Impressive Unreserved Sale.

Under and by virtue of a Bill of Sale.

Superior Household Furniture
Brilliant-toned Pianofortes and Harmoniums.

On view at the Rooms on TUESDAY.

M. JOHN SOLOMON has received instructions to sell by public auction, at his Rooms, George-street (under and by virtue of a Bill of Sale), on WEDNESDAY, March 26th, at 11 o'clock prompt.

1 brilliant-toned walnut pianoforte

1 ditto rosewood pianoforte, oblique tri-horn, and all the latest improvements
1 superior harmonium, in rosewood, with stops, by Alcock
1 elegant drawing-room suite, covered
1 rosewood shaped loo table (handmade)

1 superior double-end couch, in walnut, covered with Ulster velvet

8 chairs, covered with Ulster velvet

Splendid glass, 70 x 60, 40 x 30, &c.
Maple and rosewood chimney glasses
Chandeliers, chest drawers, mirrors
Winfield's bedsteads, Brussels carpet
Chairs, tables, engravings, chifforobes
Japanned tables, secretary and drawers, &c., &c.

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Mauritius Sugars.

In Large and Small Mats.

Congee Teas.

Groceries, Provisions, and General Oilmens' Stores.

Large and Extensive Sale at the City Mart, on WEDNESDAY, March 25th, at 11 o'clock.

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Oilmens' stores, &c., &c.

Full particulars in Tuesday's issue.
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NEW RICE.

Entire cargo of the Fanny Nicholson, from Saigon, now landing.

Selected expressly for this market, and without exception the first description which has ever been offered to the Trade.

For Positive Sale by Auction.

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This Rice is said to be taking second place of all others in the Eastern ports; combining the qualities both of Palma and Carolina.

Samples will be at the Rooms To-day.

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Sale of General Drapery, Hosiery, Woollens, Slops, &c.

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NATURAL.—The Friends of Mrs. NEWSON are invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved daughter, DIANA, to move from her residence, Premier, George-street, Westwood, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock precisely. THOMAS HILL, Undertaker, Burdett's-square, William-street, and Hill's Factory, Riley-street.

PROSPECTUS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GLASS COMPANY (Limited).

CAPITAL, £6000, in 2000 shares of £2 each, to be paid as follows:—Five shillings per share on application, five shillings on allotment, ten shillings on the first dividend, and the remaining pound (if required) by calls of ten shillings each, at intervals of not less than three months.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS:
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With power to add to their number.
BANKERS:—The Sydney Bank.

MEMBERS:—Messrs. Johnson and Martin, SECRETARY AND MANAGER, PROTEIN:—Mr. Charles Bate, Temporary Office, 214, Pitt-street.

It is proposed to establish this Company for the purpose of purchasing from the present proprietor, and carrying on a more extensive scale the works erected at Campbelltown, and to build at a considerable cost, with all necessary furniture, machinery, tools, workshops, and other plant required, to the operations of one of the most lucrative branches of industry in the colony.

The present proprietor will retain a considerable interest in the Company, as one-half of the consideration for which he will receive.

The result of operations already effected has been of a most satisfactory character, and the margin between outlay and return of a highly favourable nature, and leaves a large excess of profit.

The works are in complete order, and the furnaces in present operation, no time need be lost in turning the advantages thus possessed to practical use.

It is intended to manufacture the celebrated Wurtemberg book bottle, especially adapted to the requirements of our Colonies, and it is hoped that important orders will be received, offers of support have been received by other consumers of the Company's products.

Further particulars will be found in the prospectus now issued.

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REDUCTION IN RATES OF FIRE PREMIUM. Australian Fire, Life, and Marine Insurance Company, Head Office, Collins-street, Melbourne.

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PRINCE OF WALES OPERA HOUSE.

Grand AMATEUR PERFORMANCE in aid of the Funds of the

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Yester evening, GARRICK AMATEUR CLUB

have in the handsomest manner volunteered their gratuitous services.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 24, will be presented, Stirling Cox's great London Play, in 3 Acts and a Prologue, entitled

RAUD AND ITS VICTIMS.

Prologue—Liverpool—Period, 1816.

Mr. Huggetson, author, Mr. N. Chapman, Tom Trumper, comic character, Mr. G. R. Brook, Edward Seales, captain in the merchant service.

Morton, a valet Mr. J. Monckton.

Mr. Huggetson, under the name of Warrington, a milliner Mr. C. Chapman.

Tom Trumper, the Shiefford Ton, a vendor of knives, & blades, a corkscrew—two small children.

Mr. G. K. Bell, a fat old man.

Patred. Seelone, son of the late Captain of the 24th Regt. Mr. J. C. McDonald.

Gent de Valmore (a sketch from the everyday picture of the real world of this great world) Mr. W. Thompson.

Gentil Pumpanny, painter of naught pictures Mr. J. Parsons.

Sir F. Ayleard, suitor to Isabella Mr. F. C. Alton.

Henry Grange, merchant from the North Mr. H. Matthews.

Gervase, one who despises the follies of his fathers Mr. S. Howard.

Mrs. Scaborne, the affectionate mother and victim of fraud Mr. C. Jones.

Mariam, her daughters innocent and happy Miss Kate Corcoran.

Patty Roscilla, a drowsy girl Mrs. F. Murray.

Isabelle, Huggetson's daughter Miss Nelly Montague.

In commemoration of his noble conduct in saving from death

H. H. PRINCE ALFRED,

the No. 2 Company will present to

M. R. C. COOKES, (one of their members)

A HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL.

manufactured by Mr. G. C. Cooke, Jeweller to His Royal Highness, and which will be exhibited in Mr. Cooke's Wigway.

MR. JAMES WATT,

the eminent Scotch violinist, will appear in full Highland

Costume, in two of his favorite songs,

* Standard on the Pipes of May, and "Wha wad fecht for Charlie."

The Misses CORCORAN and DIXON,

in a Grand Parade Deux.

MR. HENRY DRIVER

has kindly consented to deliver the recitation of the Charge of the Six Hundred."

Mrs. NEILY MONTAGUE

will sing a favourite ballad.

Nautical Hornpipe Mr. G. BROWN.

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